

**To:** Hodge Patel[Hodge\_Patel@donnelly.senate.gov]  
**From:** Beckmann, Ronna Erin  
**Sent:** Thur 3/27/2014 11:57:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Press Release: BP Whiting Spill

Thanks.

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**From:** Patel, Hodge (Donnelly) <Hodge\_Patel@donnelly.senate.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 6:47:03 AM  
**To:** Beckmann, Ronna Erin  
**Subject:** RE: Press Release: BP Whiting Spill

Chase and Lauren will be on today's call. Hodge

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**From:** Beckmann, Ronna Erin [beckmann.ronna@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 06:53 PM Eastern Standard Time  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Press Release: BP Whiting Spill

We're issuing the following press release this evening. Please note the link to the EPA website with info on the spill. Thanks.

US EPA Continues Response to BP Whiting Oil Spill

Chicago (March 26, 2014) -- The U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency were on site at the BP Refinery in Whiting, Indiana today to oversee a second day of cleanup operations following an oil spill into Lake Michigan that BP reported on March 24, 2014.

A Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team, consisting of representatives of EPA, USCG and BP, inspected the shoreline for a period of three hours to assess the presence of oil and to recommend cleanup techniques as required. The team saw minimal oiling of the shoreline and recommended a small manual removal crew conduct maintenance along the shoreline.

Weather and wind conditions improved overnight allowing teams to once again secure boom.

For more information:  
<http://www.epa.gov/region5/newsevents/bp-whiting-spill/index.html>

For information about EPA's response please contact public affairs officer Francisco Arcaute at 312-886-7613.

For information about the Coast Guard, contact Chief Petty Officer Alan Haraf at 216-389-0420.

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**From:** Beckmann, Ronna Erin

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 4:54:19 PM

**Subject:** Federal Government Update Call on BP Whiting Spill -- Thursday at 2pm Central

Please join us tomorrow at 2pm central (3pm eastern): EPA will update elected officials, staff, and local government representatives on the BP Whiting spill. EPA has asked our U.S. Coast Guard colleagues to join us for the phone briefing.

Call-in number:

866-299-3188

Code: 3128860689#

Please let me know if you or someone from your office will be able to join. As always, if you are unable to join tomorrow and have questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Ronna Beckmann

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